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**SENATOR GREGG INCLUDES \$1 MILLION FOR TECH. IMPROVEMENTS
AT MT. WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY IN SENATE FUNDING MEASURE**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate Appropriations measure funding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee last week, includes \$1 million for instrument and technology upgrades at the Mount Washington Observatory. The award will fund substantial improvements and redundancy in weather observation and research equipment, as well as its communications network. As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for NOAA, Senator Gregg was able to include the funding in the measure, which now awaits consideration by the entire Senate later this fall. Senator Gregg has secured \$1 million in federal funding through NOAA over the last two years for similar technology improvements at the Observatory.

Senator Gregg stated, "Researchers and scientists working at the Observatory deal with some of the harshest weather conditions, especially during the winter months, in the world. Their innovative work has brought national and global recognition to the Observatory and the researchers from the University of New Hampshire working in conjunction with the Observatory. As a more practical matter, the weather models and forecasts that are being developed provide residents across New Hampshire with highly-accurate and timely updates on fast moving storms and dangerous conditions. I am pleased to provide my assistance to the important work being done at Mt. Washington."

Joan Chamberlain, Director of Institutional Advancement at the Mount Washington Observatory, stated, "Mount Washington Observatory owes a great deal to Senator Gregg for his continued support, leadership, and advocacy in advancing scientific and environmental research affecting New Hampshire and the nation as a whole. This special appropriation will support the second phase of a critically needed infrastructure and instrumentation upgrade allowing New Hampshire and the Observatory to remain at the forefront of atmospheric and environmental research. As a non-profit public service organization, the Observatory works closely with our state, federal, and university partners on key research projects involving air quality and weather-based phenomena. This is very important, exciting and wonderful news."

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